

B1 trimmers often have complicated head mechanisms. Accordingly, it is inconvenient and difficult to replace a coil of line on a trimmer head mechanism.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B2 - In a preferred embodiment, the trimmer line 40 as illustrated in Fig. 6 has a collar 42 with a flange 44. The collar 42 is secured to a distal end 46 of the line 40, such that the distal end 46 of the line is flush with a distal end of the collar 42. However, the flange 44 is located at a proximal end of the collar. The collar is secured to the trimmer line through a crimp, which forms an indentation 50 into the trimmer line. The crimp is located approximately 1/3 the distance from the distal end of the collar and the trimmer line. The combination of the placement of the crimp in conjunction with the location of the flange with respect to the collar reduces the stress and strain on the trimmer line, thereby preventing premature breakage, or any breakage of the trimmer line. In addition, the stopper is preferably comprised of a metallic material such as a brass, but may be comprised of alternative materials providing an equivalent desired affect for holding the distal end of the monofilament within an interior section of the housing. Accordingly, the flange 44 of the collar 42 is designed to hold a finite length of trimmer line in place with respect to the housing and to enhance the longevity of the trimmer line.

**II. In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 7, 14, 16, and 18.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 19 as follows:

Sub C 1. (Amended) A trimmer line comprising:

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- an elongate monofilament having a proximal end and a distal end;
  - a collar secured to said distal end of said monofilament, wherein said collar has a hollow interior section adapted to receive said monofilament;
  - said collar comprises a proximal end and a distal end;